

Policy 5117: Interdistrict Attendance

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The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians of students who reside within the geographic boundaries of one district may, for a variety of reasons, desire to enroll their children in a school in another district.

Interdistrict Attendance Agreements and Permits

The Board may enter into an agreement with any other school district, for a term not to exceed five school years, for the interdistrict attendance of students who are residents of the districts. (Education Code 46600)

The agreement shall specify the terms and conditions under which interdistrict attendance shall be permitted or denied. It also may contain standards agreed upon by both districts for reapplication and/or revocation of the student's permit. (Education Code 46600)

Upon receiving a permit for transfer into the district that has been approved by the student's district of residence, or upon receiving a written request from the parent/guardian of a district student who wishes to enroll in another district, the Superintendent or designee shall review the request and may approve or deny the permit subject to the terms and conditions of the interdistrict attendance agreement.

Students shall be admitted to district schools through an unbiased process that prohibits an inquiry into or evaluation or consideration of whether a student should be enrolled based upon the student's academic or athletic performance, physical condition, proficiency in English, any of the individual characteristics set forth in Education Code 200, or family income. (Education Code 48301)

Instruction Collaboration Agreements

The Superintendent or designee may, with board approval, enter into an instruction collaboration agreement (ICA) with another school district, county office of education or charter school to offer the same or similar courses and coursework to students who have been impacted by any of the following: (Education Code 48345)

1. Disruptions or cancellations in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) classes
2. Disruptions or cancellations in dual language immersion programs
3. Teacher shortages in STEM classes or dual language immersion programs

Prior to accepting students for classes for any of the reasons specified in Items #1-3 above, the Superintendent or designee shall, with Board Approval, determine the maximum number of students that the district can accept for these purposes. The district shall accept students who apply until the district is at maximum capacity.

Students shall be admitted to this program through an unbiased process that prohibits an inquiry into, or evaluation or consideration of, whether a student should be authorized to participate in the course or coursework based upon the student's current academic or athletic performance, proficiency in English, physical condition, any of the individual characteristics specified in Education Code 200, or family income. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of seats available, the approval for participation shall be determined by a random public drawing at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. (Education Code 48345)

The Superintendent or designee shall publicly post information, including, but not limited to, applicable forms and timelines for submission pursuant to the ICA, to ensure that students and their families are aware of the opportunities to participate. (Education Code 48345)

When negotiating the ICA, the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with the other participating LEA(s) to agree upon an appropriate shared cost structure. (Education Code 48345)

Transportation

Upon parent/guardian request, the district shall provide transportation assistance to a student receiving an interdistrict transfer who is eligible for free and reduced-price meals and is the child of an active duty military

parent/guardian or a victim of bullying, as defined in Education Code 46600. (Education Code 46600)

In addition, upon request of a student's parent/guardian, the Superintendent or designee may authorize transportation for any interdistrict transfer student to and from designated bus stops within the attendance area of the school that the student attends if space is available.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

	Description
CA Constitution Article 1, Section 31	Nondiscrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin
Ed. Code 41020	Requirement for annual audit
Ed. Code 46600-46611	Interdistrict attendance agreements
Ed. Code 48204	Residency requirements for school attendance
Ed. Code 48300-48317	Student attendance alternatives; school district of choice program
Ed. Code 48900	Grounds for suspension or expulsion
Ed. Code 48915	Expulsion; particular circumstances
Ed. Code 48915.1	Expelled individuals; enrollment in another district
Ed. Code 48918	Rules governing expulsion procedures
Ed. Code 48980	Parent/Guardian notifications
Ed. Code 48985	Notices to parents in language other than English
Ed. Code 52317	Regional Occupational Center/Program; enrollment of students; interdistrict attendance
Ed. Code 8151	Apprentices; exemption from interdistrict attendance agreement

Management Resources References

	Description
Attorney General Opinion	84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 198 (2001)
Attorney General Opinion	87 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 132 (2004)
Court Decision	Walnut Valley Unified School District v. the Superior Court of Los Angeles County (2011) 192 Cal.App.4th 234
Court Decision	Crawford v. Huntington Beach Union High School District (2002) 98 Cal.App.4th 1275
Website	CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website	California Department of Education
Website	CSBA

Cross References

	Description
1312.3	Uniform Complaint Procedures
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3460	Financial Reports And Accountability
3460	Financial Reports And Accountability
3540	Transportation
3541	Transportation Routes And Services
3553	Free And Reduced Price Meals
3553	Free And Reduced Price Meals

Cross References

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